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ABSTRACT

Four methods for growing thin films of high-T_c superconductors have been developed and properties of the films have been investigated. In addition to the support received under this contract, the research was also supported in part by the Stanford Center for Materials Research under the NSF/MRL Program and other DOD contracts.

- Superconducting YBa₂Cu₃O_{7-x} films of thickness ranging from 500Å to 5μm have been successfully made by the reactive magnetron sputtering technique. Effects of composition, annealing condition and thickness of an epitaxial film on its orientation are discussed. Films show anisotropic resistivities and critical current densities that are orientation dependent.
- Conditions required for in situ growth of YBaCuO thin films by reactive electron-beam evaporation have been explored. Three sources of activated oxygen (atomic oxygen from microwave discharge, a plasma generated by electron beams, and an ion beam) were compared. The best results so far have been obtained with atomic oxygen. Epitaxial films with high critical currents have been grown on SrTiO₃ <100> and <110>, Al₂O₃<1102> and MgO <100> at 600°C. Evaporation rates were controlled with a rate monitor using atomic absorption.
- Thin films of Bi-Sr-Ca-Cu-O have been produced on substrates including (100) MgO and (100) SrTiO₃ using pulsed laser ablation of a variety of targets. The films have been characterized using surface roughness, resistivity, x-ray diffraction, scanning electron microscopy and transmission electron microscopy as criteria.
- Superconducting thin films of YBa₂Cu₃O_{7-x} have been produced by metallorganic chemical vapor deposition (MOCVD). Volatile metallorganic precursors of the oxide components, β-diketonates of Y, Ba, and Cu, are thermally decomposed on hot substrates to form crystalline films. The Ba compound was evaporated in the presence of externally added vapors of the β-diketonate to obtain steady evaporative behavior. Superconducting films were obtained on SrTiO₃ substrates at temperatures above 800°C. The best films have onset temperatures of 90K and loss of resistance as high as 68K. Epitaxial growth was obtained.

A new superconducting structure of composition Y₂Ba₄Cu₈O₂₀ has been discovered. In a number of ways it has properties which are better than those of the YBa₂Cu₃O₇ structure. It is less anisotropic in the CuO₂(conducting planes) and therefore has less (or no) twinning. It retains oxygen under vacuum conditions and thus may be superior for making planar Josephson Junctions.

The upper critical field H_{c2} and fluctuation conductivity have been measured for highly oriented thin films of YBa₂Cu₃O_{7-x}. The H_{c2} results demonstrate the intrinsic anisotropy in this layered superconductor. The broadening of the resistive transition under fields is interpreted in terms of critical fluctuations. The fluctuation conductivity shows

dimensional crossover as expected for quasi-two-dimensional material. Using these data, the intralayer and interlayer coherence lengths $\xi_c(0)$ and $\xi_{ab}(0)$ have been determined.

Optical transmission and reflection spectra (mid ir through uv) and Raman spectra of superior-quality 90-, 180-, 400-, and 1000-nm-thick superconducting Y-Ba-Cu-O films have been measured. Characteristic excitonic bands, and in particular the absorption band at =0.37 eV were not observed, making it unlikely that the high-T_c superconductivity in cuprates arises from exciton-mediated electron pairing.

A scanning tunneling microscope has been used to image the a-b plane of a single crystal of Bi₂(Ca,Sr)₃Cu₂O_{8+δ} (T_c~85K) and a thin film grown epitaxially on a (100) SrTiO₃ substrate. Images taken at room temperature in air of a freshly cleaved bulk sample clearly show the one-dimensional superstructure (27.2 ± 0.7 Å periodicity) which is common to this phase.

A new film deposition system (with funding from the DOD-sponsored University Research Instrumentation Program) has been assembled at the vendor's site and has been undergoing tests prior to acceptance. The growth and the load lock/processing chamber have been tested and are leak-tight. The substrate transfer arm and the associated support and transport assemblies have been assembled and tested. A critical test of the concept of using sliding teflon seals has successfully passed its initial vacuum test. The design of the six emitter, ten pocket electron-beam source has been completed. The magnetic field configuration is a new concept and should permit the close proximity of the sources without serious interaction between the sources which is highly desirable.

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